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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ESTC, YO
SUBJECT: LETTER FROM FEDERAL CHAMBER OF ECONOMY ON PRE-LICENSING CHECKS

REFS: STATE 92539; 86857; 86858; 70053; 55679

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY DIMOV IN RESPONSE TO EMBASSY'S LATEST REQUEST FOR PRE-LICENSING CHECKS ON CASES FORWARDED BY STATE 92539. DIMOV MAKES FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. CHAMBER IS SURPRISED AT UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF REQUESTS. (THIRTY-SIX NOW OUTSTANDING WITH DIMOV.)

B. CHAMBER HAS BEEN ISSUING END-USE CERTIFICATES IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNMENT OF YUGOSLAVIA ON THE BASIS OF NEW ARRANGEMENTS WHICH WENT INTO EFFECT ON NOVEMBER 19, 1974. THE CHAMBER RETAINS ITS RIGHT TO ISSUE CERTIFICATES IN THE PREVIOUS WAY, AS HAD BEEN EXPLAINED AND ACCEPTED BY U.S. TEAM DURING ITS VISIT TO BELGRADE IN DECEMBER 1974.

C. CHAMBER BELIEVES THAT PROCEDURE REQUIRED WHEN APPLICATIONS FOR END-USE CERTIFICATES ARE SUBMITTED IS QUITE ADEQUATE TO PREVENT IMPERMISSIBLE RE-EXPORTS.

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D. THEREFORE, IT IS UNNECESSARY AND A WASTE OF TIME

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TO MAKE PRELICENSING CHECKS ON SO LARGE A NUMBER OF CASES, BEARING IN MIND THAT THE CHAMBER ALREADY HAS SOLID CONTROL OVER THIS. CHAMBER BELIEVES THAT FURTHER QUESTIONS ABOUT END-USE CERTIFICATES SHOULD BE RESTRICTED TO THOSE WHERE THERE IS JUSTIFIED SUSPICION THAT THE COMMODITY HAS BEEN RE-EXPORTED.

E. CONTROLS INTRODUCED BY THE CHAMBER'S NEW PRO-CEDURES ARE ALREADY RIGID AND RULE OUT EVERY POSSIBILITY OF A MISUSE OF THE CERTIFICATES. THEREFORE, IT IS UNNECESSARY, NOR HAS THE CHAMBER TIME TO ANSWER INQUIRIES WITH RESPECT TO COMMODITIES WHICH HAVE NOT YET ARRIVED IN YUGOSLAVIA.

2. DIMOV IS AWAY FROM BELGRADE ON VACATION UNTIL MAY 5. WE WILL EXPLORE FURTHER WITH HIM IMPLICATIONS OF HIS REPLY ON HIS RETURN.
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